

1 [Committee of the Whole - Laguna Honda Hospital's Strategy for Recertification and the
2 Submission of a Closure and Patient Transfer and Relocation Plan - January 31, 2023, at 3:00
3 p.m.]

4 **Motion scheduling the Board of Supervisors to sit as a Committee of the Whole on**
5 **Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., to hold a public hearing on Laguna Honda**
6 **Hospital's Strategy for Recertification and the Submission of a Closure and Patient**
7 **Transfer and Relocation Plan; and requesting the Department of Public Health to**
8 **present.**

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10 WHEREAS, Laguna Honda Hospital is a 700-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation
11 facility run by the Department of Public Health (DPH), one of the largest skilled nursing
12 facilities in the United States of America offering restorative services for medical, mental and
13 behavioral health issues such as drug addiction, dementia and long-term illness to mostly low-
14 income and otherwise vulnerable residents; and

15 WHEREAS, On April 14, 2022, the federal government gave DPH notice of its intent to
16 freeze critical Medicare and Medicaid funding to Laguna Honda Hospital, which constitutes
17 two-thirds of the funding that the facility receives, after missing a federally-imposed 6-month
18 deadline to meet the standards required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
19 (CMS) and address a list of health and safety violations, including issues with infection
20 prevention and control, hand hygiene and medical documentation; and

21 WHEREAS, Despite improvements to comply with regulators, CMS terminated Laguna
22 Honda's participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and its certification; and

23 WHEREAS, Laguna Honda Hospital will continue to remain open and licensed, but is
24 undergoing a process to achieve recertification; and

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1 WHEREAS, While Laguna Honda Hospital works towards recertification, CMS requires
2 the concurrent submission of a Closure and Transfer plan to continue funding to care for
3 patients; and

4 WHEREAS, On May 13, 2022, Laguna Honda Hospital submitted a Closure and
5 Patient Transfer and Relocation Plan to the CMS, U.S. Department of Health and Human
6 Services (DHHS), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) stating September
7 13, 2022 as the official closure date of the facility, on file with the Clerk of the Board of
8 Supervisors in File No. 220618, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Motion as if set
9 forth fully herein

10 WHEREAS, On May 15, 2022, patients of Laguna Honda Hospital received notices that
11 they may be relocated to other stable supportive housing or skilled nursing facilities, as a
12 result of the closure and transfer plan; now, therefore, be it

13 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 convene as a Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., to hold a
15 public hearing requesting the Department of Public Health to present on Laguna Honda
16 Hospital's strategy for recertification and the submission of the Closure and Patient Transfer
17 and Relocation Plan for Laguna Honda Hospital.

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